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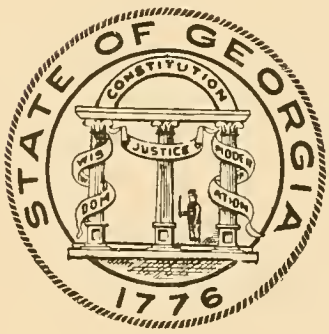

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THE RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

AN IMPROVED COUNTY UNIT SYSTEM.

The public schools of Randolph County are operated under a "**County Unit of Support and Administration,**" without any independent local systems, but with several local districts (municipalities) exercising the privilege, under special Acts or otherwise, of **further supplementing** the State and county funds by local tax levies.

Randolph County voted **county-wide local tax** in 1906; but **after contributing to** and participating in the county-wide local tax under the McMichael law the towns of Cuthbert and Shellman, authorized by special and separate Acts, levy locally supplemental amounts for the better support of their respective schools, and the town of Coleman voluntarily and **without** special authorization makes an annual appropriation to its local school.

This, in effect, is a **near approach to the new Alabama School Law,** which is attracting nation-wide attention and commendation. Georgia legislators would do well to **give the plan careful consideration.**

Several years' experience here under this plan **does not appear to have hindered** in any degree the progress of the town schools, as some feared it might. (See detailed reports herein of Cuthbert, Shellman, Coleman.) The plan, however, does seem to bring into a **closer and more sympathetic relationship** all of the educational interests and efforts of the entire county. Other plans have sometimes had the opposite effect in some of the counties.

The county-wide local tax has undoubtedly **helped the rural schools,** while the three towns mentioned have been enabled to still greater progress by levying upon themselves **additional taxation** for the purpose. There is **no element of self-**

ishness here, and the plan does not hold back any progressively inclined districts, but **does pull forward** slow and unprogressive sections. Herein lies a strong argument in its favor.

THE SCHOOLS.

It will be noted that the county employs a considerable amount of transportation which reduces the number of schools. Still further consolidations might be effected with **profit to the cause**, as may easily be seen by reference to this report. A few schools are still maintained apparently in the **supposed** interest of the community or to satisfy **individual prejudices** rather than in the educational interests of the children.

The general absence of organized self-activities in the schools is a reflection upon the teachers. **The day is far past** when a teacher's sole duty is "**just teaching.**" Club work has an important place in progressive schools. Organized community school improvement clubs would also go far towards vitalizing the school interests. (See Benevolence, Shellman, Coleman, etc.)

The school grounds, play grounds, and school gardens, etc., should have more attention than is generally given to them. **Visible evidences usually reveal fairly well what a school is.** (See Shellman school.) The school plant has much to do with what the school is. The teacher has much to do with what the school plant is. The superintendent has much to do with what the teacher is.

MAINTENANCE.

Under the "county-wide" local tax the County Board of Education levies **two mills school tax.** This yields **$6,354.68.** The county receives **from the State $19,298.96**; making a total of $25,653.64. So it is seen that the county contributes **less than one-fourth of its total school funds annually.** Coleman, Shellman and Cuthbert do considerably better by their children through their additional tax levies. So will the county as it comes to a higher appreciation of its children.

The **total amount of taxes** paid by Randolph County to the State is $18,441.88. But the **county receives from the State for schools, $19,298.96, which is more than all it pays in by $857.08.** The State also **pays back to** Randolph County in pensions $6,270.00, which added to the school funds it pays into the county, makes a total of $25,568.96. This is more than the entire State taxes paid by the county and the "local school tax" paid to its own children.

Who in the county is "**endowed with undoubted bravery**" enough to say that Randolph County is too poor to **do more than she is doing for her own children?**

NEGRO SCHOOLS.

There are 28 negro schools in the county, and these are operated from five to six months. The "Howard Normal School," at Cuthbert, is operated through supplemental help for nine months. Their school houses are usually connected with or adjacent to lodges or churches. As will be seen from the photographs very much more attention has been given to building and beautifying their churches than their school houses.

SPRINGVALE SCHOOL.

Teachers: W. H. Kimble, Principal, Springvale, Ga.; Miss Lota Clark, Assistant, Springvale, Ga.

Location: Eight miles east to Cuthbert; eight miles northeast to Benevolence.

Grounds: Area four acres; titles (?); lot well sodded to grass with some fine elms and oaks, otherwise unimproved; kept in fair condition; ample unimproved play grounds; no school gardens; one toilet in only fair condition.

Building: Value 1,200; three class rooms (one very large); lighting improper and insufficient; veranda, but no cloak rooms; painted; in good condition and very well kept.

Equipment: Single and double patent desks; good blackboards; one United States History map; chart; small globe; small library; no pictures; no reference dictionary. Water in open buckets; common dippers.

Organization: Two teachers; nine grades; 60 pupils; programs posted; 20 periods; school and community debating club; eight months term.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $800.

ENTERPRISE SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Kathleen Owens, Cuthbert, Ga.

Location: Four and a half miles east to Taylor; five miles northeast to Peakville.

Grounds: Area (?); titles probably in local trustees; open, old field; unimproved and neglected; very small play grounds; no school gardens; one toilet in average condition.

Building: Value $450; one class room, 20x30x9; no cloak rooms; improperly and insufficiently lighted; in good condition and well kept; painted.

Equipment: Double patent desks; good blackboards; one State map; chart; small globe; pictures; no reference dictionary; no library. Water from neighbor's well; open bucket; common dippers.

Organization: One teacher; nine grades; 19 pupils; program posted; 30 periods; no school or community clubs; seven months term. Transportation furnished to four pupils.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $325.

TRINITY SCHOOL.

Teacher: Mrs. J. C. Culpepper, Shellman, Ga.

Location: Three miles southeast to Pachitla; six miles northwest to Benevolence.

Grounds: Area five acres for school and church; titles probably in church; very beautiful oak and hickory grove; well kept, but unimproved; no school gardens; one toilet.

Building: Value $350; one class room; no cloak rooms; fairly lighted; ceiled, but unpainted.

Equipment: Double home-made desks; very poor blackboards; one State map; small globe; no chart; no pictures; no reference dictionary; no library; water from nearby well; open buckets; common dippers.

Organization: One teacher; eight grades; 44 pupils; no program posted; 35 periods; no school or community clubs; term seven months. Transportation furnished to seven pupils.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $300.

NOCHWAY SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Alice Dennis, Shellman, Ga.

Location: Four miles west to Benevolence; six miles southwest to Trinity.

Grounds: Area two acres; titles (?); fine oak grove of large trees in rear; unimproved; small play grounds; no school gardens; two toilets in fair condition.

Building: Value $700; one class room, 30x40x10; lighting insufficient and improper; veranda, but no cloak rooms; in good condition, but not well kept; painted.

Equipment: Double patent desks; good blackboards; one State map; chart; small globe; pictures; small library; no reference dictionary; flowers in boxes; water from neighbor's well; open buckets; individual drinking cups.

Organization: One teacher (sometimes two); 8 grades; 50 pupils; program posted; 20 periods; no organized school or community clubs; transportation furnished to ten pupils; term eight months.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $525.

BENEVOLENCE SCHOOL.

Teachers: A. R. Jordan, Principal, Benevolence, Ga.; Mrs. A. R. Jordan, Assistant, Benevolence, Ga.; Miss Lucy Jordan, Assistant, Benevolence, Ga.

Location: Four miles northeast to Brookville.

Grounds: Area two acres; titles in local trustees; planning to enlarge area; grounds slightly improved, and well kept; play grounds ample, and slightly improved; supervised play; two toilets in average condition.

Building: Value $1,800; two class rooms and auditorium used as class room; a library room; large halls used as cloak rooms; in good condition, and fairly well kept; painted. Occasional community uses.

Equipment: Single patent desks; good blackboards; United State History and Georgia maps; charts; small globe; pictures; reference dictionary; library 100 volumes; sand tables; kindergarten tables; booklets and illustrative materials, etc; water from nearby well; covered coolers; individual drinking cups.

Organization: Three teachers; ten grades; 92 pupils; programs posted; paper cutting; drawing; cardboard construction, etc.; a school literary club; a community ladies' school improvement club. The school improvement club planning to enlarge and beautify the school grounds. Transportation furnished to 36 pupils. Term nine months.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $1,350.

TAYLOR SCHOOL.

Teachers: J. W. Dawson, Principal, Cuthbert, Ga.; Miss Ruby Swann, Assistant, Carnegie, Ga.

Location: Four miles northeast to Martin; five miles northwest to Enterprise.

Grounds: Area one acre; titles in local trustees; oak grove; unimproved; well-kept yards; play grounds small and slightly improved; no school gardens; one toilet in average condition.

Building: Value $900; two class rooms; veranda, but no cloak rooms; improperly and insufficiently lighted, as for one room; in good condition and well kept; painted.

Equipment: Patent and home-made double desks; good blackboards; one United States History and one Georgia map; chart; small globe; reference dictionary; small library; no pictures; water from bored well with pump; individual drinking cups.

Organization: Two teachers; ten grades; 70 pupils; programs posted; 25 periods; no organized school or community clubs; term eight months. Transportation furnished to 25 pupils.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $800.

PEAKVILLE SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Lee Ford, Cuthbert, Ga.

Location: Four miles northeast to Pachitla; five miles northwest to Cuthbert.

Grounds: Area one acre; titles in local trustees; level; bare, except for a few trees improperly located; clean and well kept, but unimproved; small play grounds; no school gardens; two toilets in bad condition.

Building: Value $450; one class room; no cloak rooms; insufficiently and improperly lighted; in good condition and well kept; ceiled, but unpainted inside; painted outside; good window shades.

Equipment: Double patent desks; good blackboards; one Georgia map; chart; small globe; pictures; no reference dictionary; no library; some illustrative materials; water from neighbor's well; open bucket; common dippers.

Organization: One teacher; eight grades; 26 pupils; program posted; 33 periods; no organized school or community clubs; seven months term; transportation furnished to ten pupils.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $325.

A View from the Train Window.

PACHITLA SCHOOL.

Teachers: Miss Ruby Bynum, Shellman, Ga., Principal; Miss Ida Christie, Assistant, Shellman, Ga.

Location: Three miles northwest to Trinity; four miles east to Shellman.

Grounds: Area one-half acre; titles in local trustees; very beautiful, level oak grove; clean and well kept, but unimproved; very small play grounds; small school gardens; one toilet in fair condition, one in bad condition.

Building: Value $850; two class rooms; small veranda, but no cloak rooms; lighting hardly sufficient; building in fair condition; well kept; painted. Occasional community uses.

Equipment: Double and single patent desks; good blackboards; one Georgia map; chart; small globe; reference dictionary; one picture; organ; no library; windows well curtained; water from nearby well; covered cooler; individual drinking cups.

Organization: Two teachers; nine grades; 45 pupils; programs posted; 22 periods; no organized school or community clubs; eight months term; transportation furnished to 16 pupils.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $800.

CARNEGIE SCHOOL.

Teachers: Carl Dorman, Principal, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th grades; Miss Bart Swann, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th grades; Miss Maggie Wall, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades.

Location: Two and one-half miles east to Andrews; four miles northwest to Mobley.

Grounds: Area one-half acre; titles in local trustees; well cleaned off, but otherwise unimproved; small play grounds; no school gardens; two toilets, one in good condition, one bad.

Building: Value $1,500; two class rooms and auditorium; long verandas, but no cloak rooms; barely well lighted; painted; in good condition, and well kept; used for community meetings.

Equipment: Double and single patent desks; good blackboards; one State map; one chart; small globe; reference dictionary; small library; piano; water from neighbor's well; open buckets; common dippers.

Organization: Three teachers; ten grades; 97 pupils; programs posted; no organized school or community clubs; nine months term.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $1,350.

VILULAH SCHOOL.

Teachers: Miss Grady McLendon, Principal, Coleman, Ga.; Miss Ida Belle Booth, Assistant, Coleman, Ga.

Location: Four miles northwest to Coleman; four miles northeast to Mobley; near Clayton County line.

Grounds: Area (?); titles (?); adjoining church lot; level, fine grove; well kept, but unimproved; ample play grounds, supervised, and partly improved; small school garden; one toilet in average condition.

Building: Value $1,300; three class rooms, with folding doors for auditorium; fairly well lighted; verandas, but no cloak rooms; in good condition and well kept; painted.

Equipment: Double patent desks; good blackboards; one Georgia map; small globe; no charts; framed pictures; reference dictionary; small library; piano; deep well on lot; covered coolers; individual drinking cups.

Organization: Two teachers; ten grades; 54 pupils; programs posted; 20 periods; no school or community clubs; eight months term.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $800.

MOBLEY SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Leora Dent, Coleman, Ga.

Location: Four miles west to Coleman; four miles south to Vilulah.

Grounds: Area one acre; titles in local trustees; level, with very few trees; well cleaned, but unimproved; small play grounds; no school gardens; one toilet in average condition.

Building: Value $350; one class room; no cloak rooms; improperly lighted; in good condition and well kept; ceiled, but unpainted.

Equipment: Double patent desks; good blackboards; one map of Georgia; small globe; no charts; no pictures; no reference dictionary; no library; water in open buckets; a few individual drinking cups.

Organization: One teacher; eight grades; 27 pupils; program posted; 45 periods; no school or community clubs; seven months term.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $300.

ANDREWS SCHOOL.

Teachers: S. F. Sullivan, Principal, Carnegie, Ga.; Miss Susie Andrews, Assistant, Carnegie, Ga.

Location: Two and a half miles west to Carnegie.

Grounds: Area (?); titles private; level, elevated, in fine oak grove; unimproved; play grounds small; no school gardens; no toilets.

Building: Value $350; one class room divided by a thin curtain; no cloak rooms; improperly lighted; in fair condition; unpainted; ceiled; not well kept.

Equipment: Rough double home-made desks; poor blackboards; United States History and State maps; one chart; small globe; no pictures; no reference dictionary; no library; water in open buckets; common dipper.

Organization: Two teachers; seven grades; 45 pupils; no programs posted; no school or community clubs. Seven months term.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $637.

MORRIS SCHOOL.

Teacher: Miss Belle Jones, Shellman, Ga.

Location: Three miles northwest to Shellman; four miles northwest to Martin.

Grounds: Area one acre; titles in local trustees; level lot with grove in rear; cleaned up well, but unimproved; very small play grounds; no gardens; one toilet in average condition.

Building: Value $400; one class room, 24x36x9; no cloak rooms; insufficiently lighted; ceiled, but unpainted; building in good condition and well kept; very low ceiling for school room.

Equipment: Double patent desks; good blackboards; small globe; no charts; no pictures; no reference dictionary; no library; water from a neighbor's well; open buckets and common dippers.

Organization: One teacher; eight grades; 36 pupils; seven months term; program posted; 29 periods. No school or community clubs.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $275.

JOE TERRELL SCHOOL.

Teachers: Miss Leslie Jay, Principal; Miss Nona Jay, Assistant.

Location: Six miles northwest to Martin; six miles north to Morris.

Grounds: Area two acres; titles in county board; level, bare, unimproved; well cleaned up; ample play grounds; no school gardens; two toilets in average condition.

Building: Value $1,200; two class rooms, size 20x42x12, each; insufficiently lighted; in good repair; not very well kept; no cloak rooms; long verandas; painted inside and outside.

Equipment: Double patent desks; good blackboards; one State map and one United States History map; one small globe; no charts; a few pictures; library of 50 volumes in good case; reference dictionary; deep well on lot (90 feet); individual drinking cups at the well.

Organization: Two teachers; ten grades; 86 pupils; program posted; 20 periods; no school or community clubs.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $800.

MARTIN SCHOOL.

Teachers: J. W. Pipkin, Principal, 6th, 8th and 9th grades; Miss Bonnie Lee Dennis, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades; Miss Nannie Mae Taylor, 1st and 2nd grades.

Location: Four miles west to Taylor; six miles southeast to Joe Terrell.

Grounds: Area two acres; titles in county board; well located, elevated lot, level, with grove of small oaks in rear; unimproved; only fairly well cared for; no school gardens; one toilet in average condition; ample play grounds on an adjoining lot (private property, but used by the school at present).

Building: Value $1,300; three class rooms; insufficiently lighted; fairly good condition; fairly well kept; no cloak rooms; painted inside and outside; not well planned for school purposes.

Equipment: Double patent desks; good blackboards; one United States History map; one small globe; no charts; no pictures; no library; no reference dictionary; deep well on lot; water delivered at the well; individual drinking cups.

Organization: Three teachers; nine grades; 93 pupils; eight months term; no program posted; 18 periods; no organized club work; a few boys in corn club; transportation furnished to 48 pupils.

Maintenance: From State and county funds, $1,237.

SHELLMAN SCHOOL.
(A Standard School.)

Teachers: J. W. Davis, Principal, and six assistants.

Grounds: Area four acres; titles in city; well improved and well kept; school gardens; play grounds equipped for tennis, base-ball, foot-ball, basket-ball, horizontals, etc. Play and athletics carefully supervised. Two toilets, good condition.

Building: Value $7,500; eight class rooms; cloak rooms; work rooms; auditorium; storage rooms, etc.; well lighted and ventilated; painted inside and outside; in good repair and well kept; auditorium used for community purposes.

Equipment: Single patent desks; good blackboards; three sets maps on rollers; charts; globes; pictures; library of 300 volumes; reference dictionaries and encyclopedias; manual training tools and benches; sand tables; piano; decorative flags; illustrative materials, booklets, window flowers, etc., etc. Artesian water in the building, bubbling fountain.

Organization: Seven teachers; 11 grades; 180 pupils; nine months term; manual training; agriculture; two debating societies; civic community club. Transportation furnished to three pupils.

Maintenance: From State and county funds.....$3,375
From municipal levy (about)..... 1,000

Total $4,375

COLEMAN SCHOOL.

Teachers: Miss Ida Oliver, Principal; Miss Flossie Peacock. Miss Eva Banks, Miss Marjorie Hartsfield.

Location: Three and a half miles south to Vilulah; four miles southeast to Mobley.

Grounds: Area two acres; titles in local trustees; little improved; well kept; small play grounds; play supervised; no school gardens; two toilets in good condition.

Building: Value $5,000; four standardized class rooms and good auditorium; cloak rooms; rooms well lighted; painted inside and outside; building well kept throughout; auditorium used for community purposes.

Equipment: Double and single patent desks; sufficient good blackboards; several good maps; no charts; well selected framed pictures; reference dictionary; globe; library of 250 volumes; papers, magazines, booklets, reference books, illustrative materials, pot plants, flowers, etc. piano for auditorium. Water in covered coolers; individual drinking cups.

Organization: Four teachers; ten grades; 118 pupils; nine months term; programs posted, 12 to 15 recitation periods per teacher; drawing; singing; literary and debating clubs; community civic improvement club; transportation furnished to 18 pupils.

Maintenance: From State and county funds.....$1,800
From municipal funds..... 225

Total $2,025

CUTHBERT SCHOOL.

Teachers: E. H. Hamby, Principal; T. H. Estes, Miss Nell Phillips, Miss Cecil Daniel, Miss Genevive Lanier, Mrs. Ross McDonald, Mrs. Bessie Perry.

Grounds: The grounds and building are the property of the Bethel Baptist Association, and formerly used for denominational school. At present rented to the city, with an option to purchase. The building is of brick, value about $8,000, in good condition and well lighted, and suitable for school uses. However, there is scarcity of room, and if permanently used it would be advisable to build a separate high school building. Such an arrangement, if suitably located, would be desirable for the purpose of separating the high school from the elementary school.

Equipment: The school is well supplied with single patent desks of suitable sizes; political and relief maps; charts; globes; pictures; sand tables; booklets; illustrative materials, but without a school library. There are sanitary drinking fountains, and the building is well supplied with sanitary toilets, constantly and automatically flushed with an abundance of water.

Organization: Seven teachers; 11 grades; 200 pupils; nine months term; departmental above seventh grade; athletic and other clubs. The play and athletics are carefully supervised. Transportation is furnished to five pupils.

Maintenance: From State and county funds.....$3,600
From municipal local levy..... 2,000

Total $5,600

Andrew College

ANDREW COLLEGE.

J. W. Malone, A. M., D. D., President.

This college located at the county seat of Randolph County has had a long and useful career. It was founded in 1854, and is under the supervision and control of the South Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The grounds comprise twelve acres, well located upon one of the highest points in the town of Cuthbert. The campus has been beautified in many ways, and athletic grounds provided and improved. Large gardens provide vegetables for the dormitory tables.

There are several good brick buildings. The main building, shown herewith, contains the president's office, the dining rooms, the chapel, the music rooms, the gymnasium, etc. The other buildings contain class rooms, laboratories, libraries, literary society halls, dormitory rooms, etc.

The president's family and other members of the faculty reside in the dormitories.

The equipment is the accumulation of many years and measures fully up to the requirements for thorough modern educational work. The student activities consist of the literary societies, athletic association, Y. W. C. A., etc. The patronage has kept up nearly to the limit of accommodations, usually about 150 students.

The faculty consists of the president and about fifteen college and university trained teachers.

This institution has been a valuable source of supply for teachers for the schools of the county and State and in this respect, as well as others, has added considerably to the educational strength of Randolph County.

(1) Teachers and Pupils at Benevolence School. (2) Recess at Vilulah School. (3) Women's Club Preparing Dinner on the Grounds at Coleman School. (4) Shellman School Tennis Court.

THE HOWARD NORMAL SCHOOL.

(Under the Auspices of the American Missionary Association.)

Teachers: F. H. Henderson, President, History and Mathematics; Violet C. Thomas, English and History; A. Pauline Harrison, 5th and 6th grades; Alma M. Davis, 3rd and 4th grades; Ozie L. Henderson, 2nd grade; Clara B. Kellogg, 1st grade.

This is a well-established and very efficient negro school that has earned a good reputation. It is located upon a two-acre lot in the town of Cuthbert, Ga., and trains most of the teachers for the negro schools of the county, as well as to serve the local interests.

The building is a one-story, frame building, with several class rooms and a large auditorium used as class room. The school is equipped with good patent desks, blackboards, globes, maps, reference dictionaries, and a small library. Water is kept in covered coolers, and individual drinking cups are used.

There are six teachers, ten grades, 300 pupils. A literary society meets weekly, and there is a well-organized Civic School Improvement Club in the community.

The present principal has served here for more than thirty years, and appears to have the full confidence of both races.

The school is maintained by help from the county board of education, the American Missionary Association, and tuition fees.

(1) A Negro Church with Lodge and School House beyond. (2) A Negro School House with Church beyond. (3) A Negro Lodge with School below (4) A Typical Negro School House.

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